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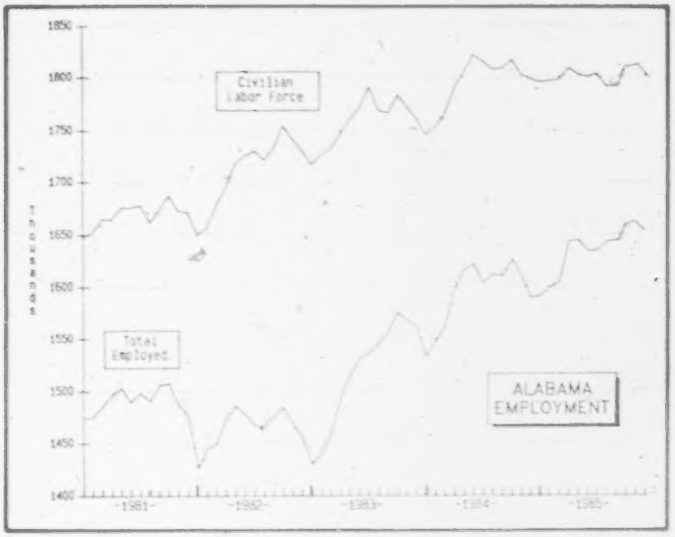

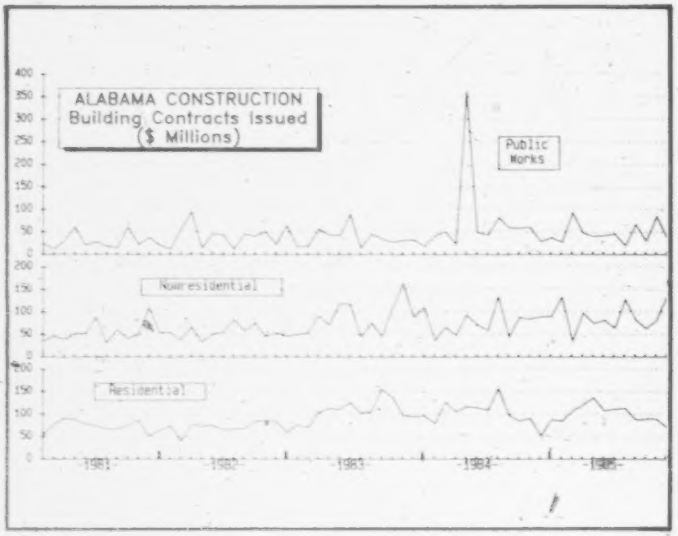

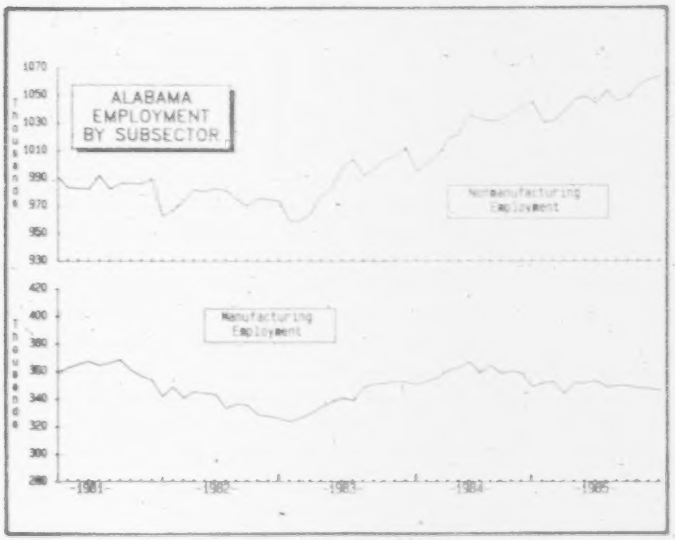

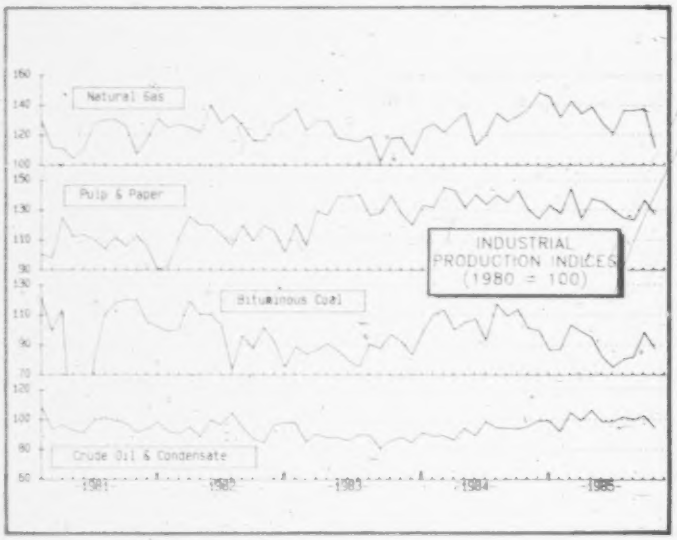

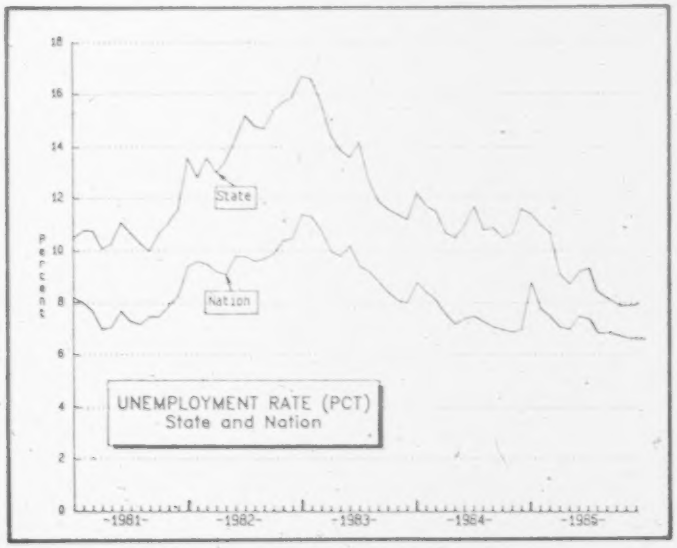

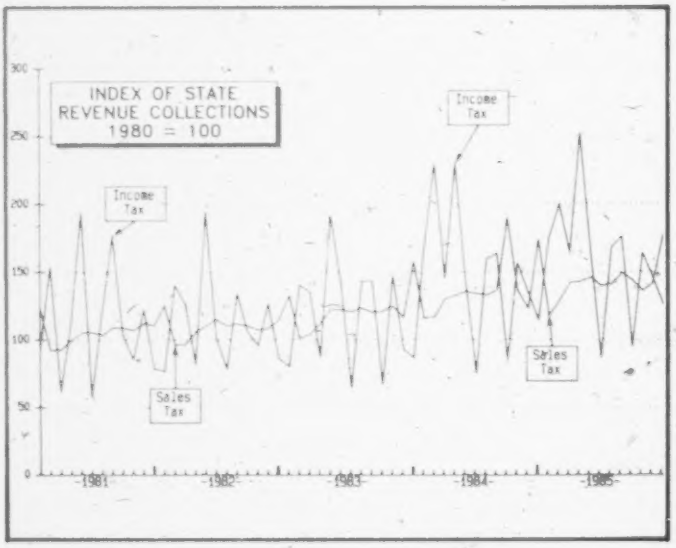

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA

Type of Activity	Annual		1984		1985										
	1983	1984	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov
INDUSTRIAL															
Bituminous coal production[1] (1,000 net tons)	23,071	28,068	2,238	2,201	1,916	1,931	2,288	2,189	2,103	1,815	1,664	1,783	1,824	2,177	1,936
Natural gas production (1,000,000 cu. ft.)	126,576	137,180	12,156	13,079	12,825	11,617	12,608	11,845	12,250	11,290	10,667	12,037	12,039	12,146	9,848
Cotton consumption (1,000 lbs.)	360,820	338,597	26,510	25,200	25,162	25,680	28,182	28,952	31,832	27,642	23,667	31,570	29,694	32,545	29,379
Crude oil and condensate production[1] (1,000 barrels)	18,708	19,807	1,696	1,763	1,761	1,634	1,862	1,761	1,886	1,751	1,752	1,808	1,767	1,820	1,680
Electric energy consumption, industrial purposes (1,000,000 kwh)	21,020	24,250	2,063	1,971	1,912	1,960	1,892	1,931	1,929	2,062	1,950	2,087	2,013	1,970	1,967
Pulp, paper, and paperboard production (1,000 net tons)	6,166	6,514	520	496	533	509	578	496	550	542	519	499	492	547	518
CONSTRUCTION															
Building contracts awarded, new and alterations combined[1] ($1,000)	2,763,700	3,025,500	241,100	168,400	215,200	243,700	234,700	265,000	250,300	230,600	220,200	258,900	234,300	180,000	256,000
Residential	1,286,500	1,232,400	97,700	50,900	87,200	83,900	106,900	120,400	136,900	106,900	111,000	113,400	86,200	88,800	88,800
Nonresidential	1,025,800	920,000	83,700	89,500	90,300	133,100	35,000	97,400	74,100	81,900	63,600	127,100	79,800	62,400	82,600
Public works and utilities	451,300	873,100	59,800	27,900	37,500	26,900	92,800	47,100	39,400	41,800	45,800	18,300	67,000	29,300	84,700
Cement consumption (1,000 net tons)	1,086	1,197	100	83	64	70	111	125	125	116	120	132	122	121	116
FINANCE															
Savings in savings and loan associations[2] ($1,000,000)	5,263	5,887	5,805	5,887	5,961	6,013	6,119	6,156	6,239	6,307	6,320	6,387	6,430	6,484	6,495
Tax collections ($1,000)															
Total	2,288,165	2,627,841	217,523	188,995	234,054	208,140	263,264	254,000	270,006	223,232	209,096	217,345	252,735	213,465	221,043
Franchise	52,214	64,476	2,537	292	743	1,415	31,254	7,315	3,700	3,888	10,621	587	5,384	3,204	1,372
Gasoline (excl. aviation)	199,587	207,095	17,697	16,942	17,148	16,853	14,472	16,799	17,339	17,975	16,571	17,838	17,930	16,144	17,282
Income	615,838	1,009,832	88,619	76,705	65,174	99,678	113,517	93,180	143,578	94,349	49,506	95,657	100,169	53,952	93,152
Motor fuels	45,027	50,278	5,374	4,679	3,572	4,033	3,943	3,682	5,151	3,669	3,552	4,930	3,657	4,995	5,636
Oil gas privilege	89,645	70,183	4,829	6,159	5,629	5,747	7,786	5,357	4,841	4,794	5,328	4,665	5,874	5,425	4,421
Oil gas production	17,290	17,331	1,287	1,649	1,524	1,537	2,173	1,433	1,279	1,296	1,480	1,267	1,569	1,479	1,199
Sales	609,132	704,299	58,477	52,785	74,362	50,419	55,423	61,037	61,265	62,635	59,849	60,495	63,957	61,790	58,305
2.2% Gross receipts	46,186	54,765	66		13,643		1	13,200	448	12	13,639	23		13,922	84
TVA electric	31,290	36,734	3,451	3,451	3,451	3,451	3,451	3,451	3,451	6,903	3,451	3,451	4,346		3,719
Tobacco	68,915	70,022	5,939	5,311	6,299	5,573	5,567	5,535	6,630	6,151	6,236	6,578	6,042	6,098	5,961
Use	66,519	75,723	1,389	531	18,440	842	846	17,614	944	825	17,939	854	724	18,143	1,476
Utility	152,287	151,261	11,889	13,322	16,356	12,754	14,381	10,308	12,290	12,195	13,752	13,145	13,450	12,122	13,259
PRICES															
Consumer Price Index, U.S.[1] (1967 = 100)															
All items	298.4	311.1	315.3	315.5	316.1	317.4	318.8	320.1	321.3	322.3	322.8	323.5	324.5	325.5	326.6
Percent Change	3.5	+4.3			2	4	4	4	3	2	2	3	3	3	3
Food	291.7	302.9	304.1	305.1	307.3	309.5	309.7	309.6	308.9	309.3	309.5	309.7	309.9	309.8	311.0
Housing	323.1	336.5	340.6	341.2	342.0	343.6	344.7	345.9	348.5	350.4	351.6	352.9	353.8	354.4	355.0
Fuel and utilities	370.1	387.3	387.5	386.0	387.2	386.5	388.2	388.7	393.0	399.4	399.9	398.9	400.5	395.6	392.1
Apparel and upkeep	196.5	200.2	205.2	203.2	199.8	201.5	205.3	205.9	205.3	204.6	202.8	205.3	209.6	211.1	211.2
Transportation	298.4	311.7	316.1	315.8	314.7	314.3	316.7	320.0	321.4	321.8	321.8	320.7	319.7	320.9	323.2
Medical care	357.5	379.5	387.5	388.5	391.1	393.8	396.5	398.9	399.5	401.7	404.0	406.6	408.3	410.5	413.0
Energy	419.3	423.6	421.8	418.9	414.5	411.4	416.6	424.4	431.7	436.8	437.1	433.8	432.6	427.1	425.1
Producer Price Index, U.S.[1] (1967 = 100)															
All commodities	303.1	310.3	310.3	309.8	309.5	309.1	308.6	309.3	309.8	309.2	309.0	307.2	305.8	308.0	309.7
Industrial commodities	315.7	322.6	323.8	323.0	322.9	322.2	322.5	323.8	325.3	324.8	324.3	323.6	322.5	324.4	325.0
Purchasing power of the dollar, U.S. (1967 = $1.000)															
As measured by															
Consumer prices	335	321	317	317	316	315	314	312	311	310	310	309	308		
Wholesale prices	330	322	322	323	323	324	324	323	323	323	324				
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT															
Civilian labor force (1,000 workers)	1,758.0	1,794.0	1,801.5	1,797.5	1,794.7	1,796.2	1,797.6	1,808.3	1,802.0	1,799.6	1,802.7	1,791.7	1,786.9	1,807.3	1,808.0
Unemployment	240.0	200.0	192.3	208.0	203.7	196.9	193.1	184.8	157.4	166.0	168.3	149.0	144.5	142.6	142.1
Unemployment rate	13.7	11.1	10.7	11.6	11.4	11.0	10.7	9.1	8.7	9.2	9.3	8.3	8.1	7.9	7.9
Employment	1,518.0	1,594.0	1,609.2	1,589.5	1,591.0	1,599.3	1,604.5	1,643.5	1,644.6	1,633.6	1,634.4	1,642.7	1,642.4	1,664.7	1,665.9
Nonagricultural	1,328.6	1,383.6	1,400.4	1,394.5	1,383.0	1,384.5	1,382.4	1,399.6	1,400.8	1,398.0	1,402.6	1,396.4	1,394.9	1,405.6	1,409.8
Manufacturing	340.9	358.5	358.8	349.0	352.1	352.6	344.2	352.2	351.7	353.8	348.9	350.6	349.0	348.3	348.0
Durable goods	159.2	173.5	175.2	173.6	172.8	173.8	173.6	174.6	175.0	175.6	173.1	173.1	172.1	171.9	171.9
Lumber and wood products	27.9	29.7	29.5	29.4	28.8	28.9	29.1	29.1	29.3	29.5	29.2	29.2	28.1	27.8	27.6
Stone, clay, glass products	8.7	8.8	8.7	8.2	8.8	8.4	9.0	9.1	9.1	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.2	9.0	8.9
Primary metals	24.8	26.4	26.6	26.3	26.4	26.2	26.1	26.2	26.3	26.2	25.7	25.9	25.8	25.6	25.3
Blast furn. and steel works	5.7	7.4	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.6	7.6	7.8	7.7	7.6	7.5	7.2	7.4	7.2
Iron and steel foundries	10.5	10.1	10.2	10.5	10.6	10.6	10.3	10.5	10.4	10.6	10.3	10.6	10.6	10.4	10.4
Fabricated metals	21.8	23.0	23.3	23.2	23.3	23.5	23.3	23.4	23.1	23.2	22.8	23.2	23.3	23.1	22.8
Machinery (excl. electrical)	15.1	17.7	18.0	18.0	18.2	18.4	18.5	18.4	18.5	18.7	18.7	18.4	18.6	18.4	18.6
Electrical, electronic equip.	21.5	23.2	23.5	23.6	22.9	23.1	22.7	22.8	22.5	22.6	22.1	21.9	22.1	22.3	22.3
Transportation	21.7	25.3	25.9	25.7	25.5	26.0	25.8	26.5	27.0	27.1	27.4	27.3	27.6	27.5	28.0
Other durable goods	17.7	19.5	19.7	19.2	18.9	18.0	19.1	19.1	19.2	19.1	18.0	18.0	17.4	18.0	18.4
Nondurable goods	181.7	184.9	183.6	175.4	179.3	178.8	170.6	177.6	176.7	178.2	175.8	177.5	176.9	176.4	176.1
Food	27.0	28.0	29.0	28.2	28.5	28.6	28.7	28.8	28.9	29.4	29.7	29.4	29.4	29.6	29.9
Textile mill products	39.1	39.3	37.5	36.9	36.6	35.9	35.3	36.3	36.1	36.5	35.7	36.1	36.6	36.4	36.5
Apparel	54.9	55.0	54.2	47.2	50.7	51.2	43.7	48.9	49.0	49.9	48.4	50.0	49.1	48.5	47.8
Paper and allied products	21.5	21.3	21.2	21.1	21.4	21.2	21.3	21.8	21.3	21.3	21.1	21.2	20.8	20.9	20.9
Printing and publishing	10.6	11.3	11.3	11.4	11.6	11.7	11.7	11.7	11.6	11.5	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.5
Chemicals and allied products	11.8	11.9	11.9	11.9	12.0	11.9	11.8	11.8	11.6	11.5	11.6	11.5	11.6	11.6	11.4
Rubber products	14.8	16.0	16.3	16.5	16.3	16.3	16.0	16.3	16.2	16.1	15.9	15.9	16.0	16.0	16.0
Other nondurable goods	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Nonmanufacturing	987.9	1,025.1	1,041.6	1,045.5	1,030.9	1,031.9	1,038.2	1,047.4	1,049.1	1,044.2	1,053.7	1,046.8	1,045.9	1,057.3	1,061.8
Mining and quarrying	13.7	14.4	14.6	14.7	14.7	15.0	14.9	15.0	15.2	15.3	15.4	15.2	15.3	15.2	15.1
Bituminous coal mining	10.3	9.9	10.0	10.3	10.3	10.5	10.5	10.6	10.6	10.7	10.6	10.6	10.7	10.6	10.7
Contract construction	58.8	64.5	65.2	66.6	63.7	62.3	65.7	67.3	66.2	67.1	69.5	69.5	69.5	69.8	69.5
Trans., comm., and utilities	69.7	72.1	72.5	72.4	71.4	71.4	72.0	72.5	72.6	73.8	73.4	73.0	72.7	72.6	72.2
Trade	273.3	290.3	299.9	303.5	292.5	289.7	290.6	293.4	293.8	294.6	293.7	295.1	294.7	294.6	299.9
Wholesale	70.1	73.6	75.0	74.9	74.1	73.6	73.9	73.9	73.5	73.7	73.3	73.6	74.3	73.9	73.8
Retail	203.1	216.7	224.9	228.6	218.4	216.1	216.7	219.5	220.3	220.9	220.4	221.5	220.4	220.7	226.1
Finance, insurance, real estate	58.9	62.6	63.5	63.8	63.8	63.9	64.3	64.7	65.1	65.7	66.3	66.6	66.4	66.4	66.4
Service and miscellaneous	216.9	227.5	228.6	228.7	228.6	230.0	230.6	232.3	233.1	232.6	233.7	233.0	234.6	236.3	235.1
Government	292.7	293.8	297.3	295.8	296.2	299.6	299.9	302.2	303.1	295.1	301.7	293.4	292.7	302.4	303.6
Federal	65.3	64.8	65.4	65.5	65.5	65.7	66.1	66.2	66.4	67.2	66.8	66.1	64.9	64.4	64.1
State and local	227.3	229.1	231.9	230.3	230.7	233.9	233.8	236.0	236.7	227.9	234.9	227.3	227.8	238.0	239.5

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1984		1985										
	1983	1984	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT															
Other employment activity															
State Employment Service (number)															
Job applications	207,309	212,083	18,684	13,391	21,285	16,261	18,276	17,001	19,428	21,102	24,409	22,672	20,083	21,372	
Nonagricultural placements	91,100	97,761	6,543	4,876	5,229	4,821	6,204	6,961	7,951	6,768	18,232	10,137	8,656	8,125	
Unemployment compensation															
Initial benefit claims (number)	428,181	435,832	35,891	41,032	74,659	34,635	32,416	29,881	29,414	23,918	46,997	28,338	24,075	29,599	
Payments ($1,000)	191,868	172,593	14,253	16,158	21,274	16,520	15,977	13,782	14,095	11,623	15,246	13,254	11,401	13,545	
County data: civilian labor force and (unemployment rate)															
Autauga	15,580	15,670	16,070	15,920	15,910	15,880	15,910	16,000	16,150	15,880	15,900	15,910	15,870	16,200	16,160
	14.2	9.6	10.9	10.5	10.1	9.5	9.1	8.5	9.0	8.0	8.2	7.7	8.5	8.6	8.1
Baldwin	34,220	35,530	35,630	37,380	35,550	35,830	37,120	36,270	35,530	35,770	35,870	35,160	35,060	35,390	36,040
	12.1	10.9	9.7	14.7	9.9	10.1	12.8	8.7	7.1	7.5	7.2	6.6	7.3	6.8	7.6
Barbour	11,990	12,220	12,340	12,200	11,930	11,950	12,450	12,190	12,280	12,090	12,210	12,140	12,320	12,480	12,360
	13.1	10.5	10.7	12.4	13.2	12.3	16.2	10.1	11.0	10.5	10.8	9.2	9.4	8.7	8.3
Bibb	5,960	6,240	6,300	6,210	6,210	6,190	6,180	6,170	6,280	6,330	6,230	6,310	6,080	6,120	6,130
	19.5	16.6	15.6	19.9	19.9	16.6	12.9	11.7	10.9	10.3	13.3	15.5	14.4	12.5	13.4
Blount	16,860	16,760	16,690	16,990	17,070	16,620	16,570	16,640	16,720	16,450	16,500	16,280	16,350	16,480	16,620
	15.0	11.0	10.4	11.8	12.3	9.6	8.6	7.4	8.1	7.1	6.7	5.7	5.9	5.6	5.9
Bulloc*	4,600	4,620	4,730	4,500	4,330	4,350	4,310	4,490	4,640	4,630	4,570	4,570	4,670	4,750	4,630
	17.2	14.5	14.8	17.6	16.8	15.4	13.3	12.6	14.9	13.5	15.6	14.0	11.7	11.6	12.5
Butler	9,790	9,800	9,710	9,650	9,560	9,560	9,660	9,550	9,610	9,700	9,610	9,530	9,590	9,780	9,530
	17.4	13.6	13.2	13.1	13.1	13.9	16.1	11.6	11.7	13.9	12.7	10.1	9.7	14.7	10.4
Calhoun	46,220	47,500	48,110	48,020	47,960	48,150	47,830	47,930	47,910	48,230	48,350	48,220	47,730	48,070	48,220
	13.1	11.3	11.5	11.2	11.4	11.7	10.9	9.3	10.2	10.4	10.0	8.7	7.9	7.9	7.6
Chambers	16,750	16,500	15,930	15,960	15,050	16,340	16,240	16,570	16,160	16,340	16,380	16,180	16,420	16,250	16,250
	9.8	9.3	8.3	8.4	9.2	11.6	11.4	9.6	9.1	10.7	11.1	9.0	8.2	7.6	7.5
Cherokee	11,500	11,670	11,620	11,080	11,000	11,090	11,010	11,150	11,300	11,020	11,000	10,900	11,040	11,150	10,900
	15.2	14.0	15.6	15.8	16.7	16.6	17.1	12.6	11.2	10.4	9.9	9.4	9.2	9.5	9.3
Chilton	15,530	16,180	15,980	15,520	15,840	15,780	15,730	16,040	15,900	15,810	15,560	15,810	15,870	15,950	15,780
	13.1	11.3	13.1	12.8	14.4	13.3	12.2	11.4	9.7	9.2	9.0	8.5	8.1	8.7	9.1
Choctaw	5,510	5,790	5,820	5,930	5,780	5,870	6,060	5,880	5,840	5,840	5,790	5,690	5,840	5,890	5,940
	15.1	16.3	15.1	22.9	16.0	16.2	23.2	13.8	16.4	18.1	17.9	14.6	13.4	10.1	11.8
Clarke	10,750	10,630	10,540	10,550	10,420	10,560	10,370	10,240	10,130	10,320	10,360	9,940	9,890	10,120	10,010
	16.2	14.3	14.0	18.7	11.9	12.8	16.5	9.9	9.0	10.7	11.1	8.2	8.3	9.8	9.7
Clay	7,360	7,580	7,610	7,580	7,530	7,360	7,600	7,370	7,600	7,470	7,450	7,490	7,470	7,580	7,560
	14.0	10.9	9.7	12.8	10.0	10.8	13.9	9.8	11.0	13.1	12.3	9.1	9.0	8.1	7.0
Cleburne	5,160	5,250	5,320	5,310	5,340	5,360	5,440	5,530	5,340	5,330	5,410	5,210	5,150	5,320	5,260
	12.5	10.2	11.7	12.0	11.6	12.7	15.4	12.1	9.4	8.9	13.1	6.7	7.2	8.1	6.7
Coffee	19,830	20,210	20,250	19,890	19,730	19,930	20,140	20,270	20,180	19,880	19,930	19,890	19,680	20,270	20,020
	10.9	8.4	8.1	8.3	7.7	7.8	8.2	6.5	6.1	6.1	6.3	5.5	5.3	6.1	6.4
Colbert	23,700	23,920	23,920	23,680	23,760	24,250	23,940	24,030	23,780	23,540	23,150	23,290	23,240	23,140	23,060
	18.7	16.4	15.5	16.6	16.8	18.0	16.3	14.8	14.4	14.0	13.4	12.5	12.1	11.5	11.6
Conecuh	6,970	7,210	7,350	7,650	7,280	7,290	7,580	7,340	7,310	7,230	7,220	7,300	7,180	7,320	7,230
	12.7	11.8	10	15.3	11.2	10.3	13.9	9.6	9.4	9.9	9.3	9.8	8.5	9.0	8.7
Coosa	5,500	5,600	5,700	5,690	5,830	5,670	5,820	5,770	5,850	5,840	5,900	6,000	6,140	6,280	6,280
	10.3	8.0	8.0	8.4	10.4	9.4	8.7	6.3	5.8	6.8	5.7	5.4	5.8	5.2	4.9
Covington	16,350	16,370	16,090	16,360	17,060	16,680	16,440	16,380	16,560	16,120	15,980	15,800	15,740	15,990	15,960
	12.2	9.9	8.6	10.8	15.1	12.6	13.3	10.1	11.8	10.6	9.6	8.2	7.7	7.8	8.4
Crenshaw	7,210	7,460	7,440	7,340	6,990	7,060	7,330	7,330	7,550	7,160	7,090	7,160	7,380	7,600	7,310
	12.1	11.0	9.1	16.7	10.3	10.3	17.0	8.0	8.1	7.9	7.3	6.1	5.8	6.2	7.1
Cullman	28,590	29,550	29,860	29,470	30,020	29,690	29,500	29,720	29,970	29,780	29,260	29,580	29,710	30,210	29,890
	14.7	11.5	12.3	13.9	15.3	13.3	11.1	9.7	9.0	9.4	9.6	9.4	8.2	8.0	8.1
Dale	22,200	22,740	22,920	22,640	22,630	22,810	23,630	23,300	23,310	23,220	23,220	23,100	22,990	23,320	23,230
	9.5	7.7	7.2	6.9	6.8	7.1	10.7	6.8	6.5	6.2	7.1	5.7	5.7	5.8	5.8
Dallas	23,290	23,130	23,250	23,140	23,160	23,160	23,050	22,920	23,130	23,130	23,570	22,940	22,870	23,220	23,030
	17.6	15.7	16.0	15.8	15.4	15.2	14.2	12.8	13.5	14.3	17.6	13.5	14.2	15.2	14.3
DeKalb	29,870	30,830	30,940	30,670	30,670	30,530	30,660	30,850	30,740	30,900	31,210	31,560	30,870	31,060	30,650
	13.8	10.8	10.8	12.4	12.6	12.3	12.0	10.9	10.0	10.0	9.2	8.0	7.7	7.6	7.6
Elmore	20,620	20,770	20,910	20,810	20,960	21,170	21,270	21,510	21,670	21,530	21,290	21,180	20,940	21,280	21,580
	12.2	7.7	7.4	7.4	7.7	8.2	8.0	7.9	8.2	8.2	7.2	6.2	6.1	5.8	6.8
Escambia	17,440	18,110	18,270	18,360	18,070	17,910	17,990	18,010	17,980	17,970	17,940	17,750	17,920	17,740	17,760
	12.5	12.1	11.8	17.0	11.0	9.5	15.1	8.8	9.1	9.4	9.5	8.7	9.3	8.0	8.1
Etowah	42,290	42,610	42,890	42,870	42,270	42,210	41,870	41,980	41,600	41,880	42,130	41,930	41,590	41,560	41,430
	17.4	13.4	13.9	14.7	14.3	14.0	13.0	11.2	9.9	10.6	10.7	9.7	9.7	9.4	8.8
Fayette	10,100	10,440	10,610	10,440	10,510	10,500	10,620	10,540	10,480	10,250	10,060	10,110	10,220	10,480	10,330
	11.7	9.5	10.5	12.2	14.6	13.7	17.4	12.8	12.9	12.1	11.3	10.6	10.0	10.8	10.1
Franklin	14,110	14,830	14,550	14,560	14,420	14,580	14,280	14,290	14,300	14,310	14,310	14,140	14,110	14,100	14,240
	18.2	18.6	17.9	18.9	20.5	20.2	15.3	13.8	13.3	13.8	14.5	13.2	13.4	12.4	13.6
Geneva	11,360	11,740	11,900	11,560	11,620	11,660	12,260	12,010	11,960	11,660	11,480	11,630	11,810	12,150	11,880
	10.4	8.2	8.3	8.9	10.6	9.2	22.5	8.7	7.3	7.0	7.8	7.8	6.7	6.5	7.1
Greene	4,650	4,760	4,750	4,740	4,660	4,780	4,780	4,660	4,650	4,610	4,630	4,600	4,640	4,680	4,570
	16.6	17.1	17.4	20.8	20.2	21.9	21.6	16.1	15.1	16.4	15.8	13.7	12.7	11.8	11.1
Hale	5,340	5,480	5,490	5,480	5,290	5,320	5,340	5,340	5,440	5,260	5,340	5,280	5,300	5,460	5,390
	16.5	17.1	16.3	18.3	16.9	16.7	15.7	12.9	13.2	14.1	14.7	11.2	11.2	11.0	10.7
Henry	7,240	7,290	7,480	7,150	7,090	7,160	7,390	7,520	7,540	7,200	7,290	7,270	7,490	7,800	7,650
	11.2	9.4	10.3	10.2	13.4	13.2	14.3	11.2	9.6	9.2	11.3	8.9	8.9	9.1	9.7
Houston	35,860	36,540	37,050	36,620	36,730	36,900	36,940	37,280	37,200	37,400	37,250	37,310	37,080	37,550	37,590
	11.3	9.0	9.1	8.8	9.1	9.1	8.5	7.7	7.2	7.8	8.2	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.8
Jackson	20,680	19,790	19,840	19,840	19,240	19,350	19,520	19,730	19,430	19,130	19,080	19,060	19,120	19,230	19,180
	22.1	16.8	14.7	19.3	14.8	15.2	15.1	14.1	12.3	11.8	12.4	14.2	12.5	11.4	11.8
Jefferson	302,570	303,510	300,770	301,180	300,140	301,670	301,150	304,610	303,290	302,540	305,030	303,050	302,540	304,820	305,810
	13.1	9.8	8.8	8.8	8.6	8.6	7.8	7.2	7.1	7.4	7.4	7.0	6.7	6.4	6.2
Lamar	8,860	9,340	9,530	9,460	9,520	9,620	9,600	9,680	9,610	9,770	9,850	9,800	9,740	9,810	9,840
	9.7	7.3	7.2	7.1	8.0	8.1	8.6	7.3	6.7	7.4	9.2	7.3	7.5	7.1	7.7
Lauderdale	35,050	35,600	35,660	35,060	35,300	34,980	34,750	34,730	34,510	34,580	34,910	34,510	34,400	34,400	34,440
	16.6	14.8	14.0	13.8	15.1	13.8	12.5	10.6	10.5	11.3	12.9	10.5	10.0	9.7	10.2
Lawrence	14,340	13,450	13,330	13,010	13,230	13,220	13,030	13,200	13,190	13,140	13,110	13,140	13,040	13,290	13,070
	18.8	15.1	14.6	14.8	15.3	15.3	12.1	11.5	11.6	11.8	11.7	11.8	11.6	11.7	12.5
Lee	35,870	38,470	39,080	38,850	39,030	39,190	39,130	39,370	39,260	39,210	38,160	37,880	38,260	38,730	38,840
	8.4	6.5	6.1	5.7	6.5	6.4	6.4	6.6	6.0	9.4	8.4	7.1	6.5	5.9	5.6
Limestone	19,310	20,230	20,830	20,740	20,810	21,160	21,340	21,860	22,160	21,960	22,060	22,290	22,750	23,570	23,520
	14.1	10.8	9.2	10.4	10.8	11.4	9.5	7.9	8.6	8.8	9.6	8.2	7.5	7.5	7.8
Lowndes	5,190	5,090	5,190	5,070	4,890	4,920	4,950	5,030	5,040	4,990	5,250	5,180	5,000	5,070	4,930
	17.9	18.3	16.4	16.7	16.9	17.5	16.4	16.0	14.7	16.5	14.3	12.8	10.9	10.9	9.7
Macon	7,950	8,150	8,300	8,210	8,220	8,340	8,380	8,470	8,560	8,410	8,340	8,450	8,500	8,480	8,410
	13.6	11.1	9.5	9.4	10.3	10.2	9.3	8.8	9.6	11.9	11.1	10.8	10.6	9.8	9.8
Madison	109,350	117,780	120,430	120,830	122,530	121,450	121,250	122,270	122,590	123,540	123,080	124,130	123,450	125,140	125,960
	8.5	7.1	6.3	6.7	7.9	6.6	6.0	5.8	5.6	6.2	5.9	5.6	5.3	5.2	5.4
Marengo	9,800	9,720	9,720	9,930	9,530	9,520	9,830	9,520	9,560	9,480	9,590	9,450	9,330	9,410	9,400
	15.5	14.2	12.3	18.8	13.3	14.4	19.1	11.2	10.3	9.7	12.6	8.1	8.4	8.7	9.5
Marion	13,700	13,580	13,620	13,750	14,000	13,610	13,440	13,450	13,190	13,300	13,530	13,170	13,210	13,220	13,150
	19.4	14.9	16.5	19.6	21.6	17.9	17.2	16.4	14.2	13.9	15.7	12.2	14.9	15.4	13.9
Marshall	31,080	33,050	32,900	33,560	33,140	32,930	32,690	32,970	32,810	32,800	33,150	32,850	32,850	33,140	32,890
	14.4	12.6	10.8	17.9	14.3	12.3	10.5	9.1	8.7	8.9	11.4	8.1	8.0	7.5	7.6
Mobile	162,590	164,730	165,400	164,050	164,810	164,440	164,180	166,910	165,310	167,320	167,650	164,080	162,430	164,690	165,630
	15.9	12.6	11.6	11.6	11.7	11.0	10.4	9.8	9.2	10.1	9.8	9.0	9.1	8.9	8.5

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1984		1985										
	1983	1984	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT—CONT															
County data (civilian labor force and unemployment rate)[1]—continued															
Monroe	10,670	11,140	11,170	11,940	10,790	10,730	11,160	10,810	10,710	10,700	10,670	10,620	10,700	10,760	10,730
	12.6	16.2	14.4	21.2	13.9	12.8	29.3	11.6	10.5	11.4	10.6	8.9	8.8	8.8	9.8
Montgomery	92,990	96,610	97,130	96,920	97,010	96,860	97,080	97,820	98,180	98,620	97,790	97,670	96,330	97,840	98,160
	10.5	8.8	8.3	8.6	8.3	7.7	7.3	6.9	6.9	7.8	7.1	6.5	6.2	5.9	5.8
Morgan	37,910	38,870	38,390	38,300	38,560	38,550	38,350	38,890	38,660	39,060	39,000	38,580	37,960	38,650	38,730
	14.5	11.5	10.8	10.6	11.7	11.1	9.4	8.9	8.1	9.1	8.9	8.4	8.2	8.1	8.3
Perry	5,850	5,820	6,130	6,010	5,900	5,780	5,830	5,920	5,970	5,900	6,040	6,030	5,920	6,000	5,950
	14.8	13.3	16.4	21.2	18.8	11.9	11.7	10.6	10.3	10.9	11.6	11.6	10.1	9.5	12.7
Pickens	7,510	7,060	7,000	6,900	6,960	7,110	7,000	7,130	7,210	7,160	7,260	7,170	7,110	7,250	7,120
	18.0	15.9	16.7	16.8	17.0	18.4	15.8	15.4	16.1	16.7	16.8	14.4	13.4	13.1	12.8
Pike	13,680	13,560	13,800	13,060	13,770	13,820	14,000	14,310	14,490	13,760	13,630	13,730	14,110	14,790	14,550
	13.7	10.1	8.7	10.7	8.7	8.2	8.6	7.8	6.9	7.1	7.2	7.0	6.5	6.7	6.1
Randolph	9,060	8,790	8,790	8,590	8,680	8,830	8,670	8,730	8,700	8,430	8,740	8,460	8,490	8,930	8,960
	17.9	14.9	12.0	10.7	11.6	18.1	10.7	10.0	9.4	8.9	13.3	9.0	8.2	8.1	7.4
Russell	18,120	19,290	20,070	19,480	19,950	19,160	19,220	19,470	19,440	19,730	20,670	19,660	18,970	19,210	19,380
	13.7	12.9	14.7	12.3	14.7	12.4	12.1	11.8	11.8	13.0	17.5	13.4	10.7	10.8	11.1
St. Clair	19,240	19,400	19,670	19,910	20,100	20,030	19,750	19,460	19,200	19,130	19,120	18,940	19,050	19,260	19,280
	14.2	11.5	12.5	13.4	14.3	13.6	11.7	8.9	7.9	8.0	7.3	6.7	7.0	7.0	6.6
Shelby	31,300	31,910	31,940	31,650	31,640	31,830	32,100	32,280	32,010	31,850	32,100	31,790	31,570	31,710	31,940
	12.1	10.3	10.2	9.2	9.3	9.4	9.5	8.4	7.9	7.9	7.9	7.3	6.4	5.9	6.0
Sumter	6,920	7,250	7,190	7,220	7,160	7,080	7,020	7,110	7,040	7,030	7,030	6,940	6,950	7,060	6,930
	14.3	11.5	11.5	13.5	13.5	12.7	14.0	11.7	11.4	14.9	13.4	12.3	15.2	10.3	14.0
Talladega	31,560	31,150	31,360	31,140	31,230	31,500	31,070	30,900	30,640	30,530	30,470	30,740	30,070	30,160	30,040
	17.2	15.8	16.9	16.9	18.3	18.8	16.6	13.8	13.2	14.0	13.7	13.8	11.9	11.3	11.0
Tallapoosa	16,600	17,300	17,160	17,010	17,120	17,050	17,080	17,170	17,100	17,410	17,520	17,240	17,200	17,200	17,340
	12.1	9.4	9.1	9.6	11.4	10.6	11.9	9.2	7.7	8.9	9.4	7.6	8.0	7.3	7.2
Tuscaloosa	56,310	58,150	58,770	58,670	57,840	59,050	58,900	59,340	59,200	57,890	58,090	58,630	59,410	60,220	60,780
	12.4	9.6	9.0	9.7	9.1	9.1	8.7	7.3	7.9	7.9	7.4	6.5	5.9	6.5	6.4
Walker	32,400	32,560	33,040	33,830	33,630	33,390	33,340	33,270	32,000	31,750	31,830	31,320	31,750	32,110	32,100
	15.3	13.3	14.4	16.3	15.9	14.9	14.1	12.4	9.2	9.0	8.5	7.2	8.3	8.4	7.8
Washington	6,330	6,490	6,450	6,380	6,280	6,160	6,270	6,090	6,160	6,220	6,340	6,170	6,110	6,160	6,130
	20.9	18.1	16.9	19.4	17.8	15.9	17.0	13.0	13.3	15.3	17.2	14.2	12.9	12.5	13.2
Wilcox	5,870	5,480	5,370	5,190	5,070	5,470	5,210	5,280	5,370	5,180	5,230	5,080	5,230	5,330	5,280
	20.2	15.3	13.5	13.3	12.4	22.0	14.7	13.3	12.3	13.5	16.6	12.6	12.5	12.8	12.5
Winston	9,030	9,260	9,370	9,530	9,420	9,340	9,040	8,980	8,850	9,030	8,930	8,780	9,040	8,970	8,980
	18.7	19.6	21.1	24.4	25.6	23.4	19.3	16.7	15.0	12.5	17.9	15.2	22.5	20.3	21.5
TRADE															
Foreign, through Port of Mobile															
Imports															
Value ($1,000)	643,182	726,362	41,830	62,625	64,445	72,680	79,509	74,582	74,933	70,616	75,177	58,413	68,740		
Shipping weight (1,000,000 lbs.)	6,268	9,484	477	1,282	1,044	1,029	891	1,462	1,087	1,452	1,278	1,030	1,606		
Exports															
Value ($1,000)	788,611	622,949	80,528	65,538	59,759	38,630	61,395	38,581	53,210	39,146	37,270	34,342	30,612		
Shipping weight (1,000,000 lbs.)	9,496	21,911	1,892	1,739	2,201	2,398	2,361	1,891	1,574	2,240	1,903	1,396	1,474		
Shipments by water, Port of Mobile[2] (1,000 tons)	34,916	38,790	3,524	3,262	3,151	3,083	3,028	3,062	3,279	3,479	3,224	2,895	3,372	3,199	3,126
Domestic															
Electric energy consumption, non-industrial purposes (1,000,000 kwh)	23,017	24,285	1,785	1,911	2,108	2,400	1,733	1,617	1,733	2,230	2,427	2,554	2,515	1,914	1,776
Gasoline sales[3] (1,000 gallons)	1,861,406	1,905,267	157,127	158,793	156,773	133,925	155,025	160,821	156,534	153,625	166,023	166,206	149,828	160,169	
New passenger car registrations[4] (number)	122,393	141,896	11,547	11,757	10,746	10,403	13,107	12,522	13,393	13,712	13,485	13,207	12,448	12,933	10,948
Taxable retail sales by kind of business: state totals[5] ($1,000,000)															
Food		3,653	306	329	309	292	317	308	314	325	316	321	302	302	277
General stores with food and gas		175	14	15	14	13	16	16	18	17	17	17	16	15	10
General merchandise		2,382	238	356	163	152	198	212	213	205	194	213	194	201	235
Apparel		568	52	77	38	35	53	51	48	46	44	52	48	47	41
Furniture, furnishings, etc.		544	49	56	44	39	49	44	50	48	48	51	48	46	44
Automotive		3,086	245	243	234	243	299	294	322	312	304	317	315	267	200
Gasoline service stations		296	23	25	24	22	25	26	28	28	27	29	26	26	19
Lumber and building materials		690	76	66	58	54	78	88	90	92	90	90	90	92	71
Hardware and farm implements		427	35	31	29	28	38	41	45	37	37	34	39	37	24
Eating places		1,293	107	119	99	96	120	114	126	127	126	134	119	119	97
Drug stores		264	21	29	26	22	20	21	25	21	20	21	20	21	21
All other retail		2,162	190	245	176	157	183	184	196	186	181	191	183	190	158
Total sales by retail concerns		15,741	1,357	1,590	1,213	1,154	1,396	1,400	1,474	1,442	1,404	1,471	1,399	1,363	1,198
Nonretail and unclassified concerns		2,614	214	238	180	173	210	225	232	226	234	238	234	234	187
Total all sales at retail		18,355	1,571	1,827	1,393	1,328	1,606	1,625	1,707	1,668	1,638	1,709	1,633	1,597	1,385
Taxable retail sales, Metropolitan Statistical Areas and counties ($1,000)															
MSAs															
Anniston		507,895	43,909	50,031	37,414	36,098	43,365	45,088	47,603	45,738	45,528	49,249	46,235	44,497	40,749
Birmingham		5,033,827	424,831	489,933	387,394	372,395	446,876	448,719	473,477	451,745	442,246	468,449	450,263	437,979	391,721
Dothan		643,669	54,483	63,771	48,054	47,755	55,056	56,067	59,183	56,084	56,738	57,495	55,637	55,719	44,465
Florence		612,947	52,867	64,720	45,370	42,559	52,528	54,740	55,609	54,509	54,220	56,416	53,545	51,744	48,170
Gadsden		459,941	37,169	44,644	33,403	31,462	38,792	39,738	42,982	41,998	40,961	42,489	39,197	38,029	30,832
Huntsville		1,049,552	92,206	108,891	78,977	76,406	92,394	96,418	101,014	96,619	98,534	104,214	97,590	94,467	85,252
Mobile		2,100,894	175,335	203,964	156,053	149,407	179,120	183,708	191,013	195,200	191,252	190,041	180,097	180,525	141,705
Montgomery		1,429,917	124,805	146,166	107,678	105,900	125,768	124,191	131,213	131,622	128,694	129,148	126,121	120,937	109,429
Tuscaloosa		631,377	53,102	64,765	47,669	47,137	55,410	55,576	58,629	56,916	56,498	59,364	57,198	56,424	49,293
Counties															
Autauga		96,703	8,249	9,257	7,472	7,895	8,866	9,055	9,467	8,823	9,284	9,778	8,376	8,757	7,438
Baldwin		343,706	28,472	31,285	24,791	24,591	30,464	31,658	33,179	32,955	34,552	31,986	27,903	26,051	18,635
Barbour		71,583	6,162	6,858	5,601	5,227	6,251	6,308	6,366	6,136	6,570	6,397	6,224	6,144	4,813
Bibb		41,388	3,782	4,201	2,991	3,046	3,498	3,596	3,809	3,751	3,537	3,923	3,907	3,673	3,026
Blount		89,053	7,453	8,581	6,934	6,793	8,052	8,189	9,006	8,905	8,265	8,985	9,009	8,494	6,897
Bullock		26,077	2,337	2,892	2,142	2,085	2,177	2,016	2,091	2,096	2,012	2,006	2,032	2,025	1,672
Butler		65,570	5,515	5,859	5,091	4,607	5,474	5,246	5,642	5,179	5,159	5,213	5,165	5,101	4,508
Calhoun		507,895	43,909	50,031	37,414	36,098	43,365	45,088	47,603	45,738	45,528	49,249	46,235	44,497	40,749
Chambers		107,006	9,187	9,895	8,248	7,543	9,071	8,952	9,716	9,214	9,486	9,283	8,997	8,964	7,956
Cherokee		47,907	3,800	4,407	3,761	3,422	4,133	4,653	4,463	4,034	4,636	4,236	4,450	4,354	3,111
Chilton		99,875	8,822	10,206	7,553	7,862	9,414	9,381	9,836	9,140	8,899	9,562	9,070	8,908	8,419
Choctaw		36,637	3,086	3,566	3,116	2,761	3,168	3,121	3,206	3,238	3,170	3,549	3,122	3,268	2,511
Clarke		98,651	8,799	10,078	7,890	7,378	8,773	9,011	9,468	9,453	9,023	9,217	8,927	8,162	7,291
Clay		26,368	2,231	2,529	2,010	1,939	2,145	2,255	2,512	2,443	2,212	2,402	2,216	2,214	1,528
Cleburne		22,200	1,711	1,691	1,596	1,381	1,929	2,304	2,142	2,563	2,187	1,932	2,203	1,956	1,447
Coffee		186,107	15,412	17,770	13,736	13,686	16,268	16,331	16,421	15,643	16,565	16,669	16,596	15,148	13,151

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1984		1985										
	1983	1984	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov
TRADE—CONTINUED															
Taxable retail sales, MSAs and counties—continued															
Counties—continued															
Colbert		249.984	20.498	23.870	17.424	17.180	21.211	21.965	21.924	21.518	21.704	22.142	20.856	19.843	17.145
Conecuh		37.533	2.973	8.633	2.746	2.682	3.251	2.992	3.239	3.118	3.052	3.237	2.887	2.822	2.839
Coosa		8.932	834	899	784	770	807	798	877	914	875	853	773	948	659
Covington		137.578	11.221	13.091	9.836	9.774	11.406	11.659	12.391	12.095	11.930	12.472	11.546	10.592	7.811
Crenshaw		30.988	3.291	3.160	2.540	2.513	2.983	3.015	2.910	3.269	3.176	2.916	3.132	2.784	2.110
Cullman		237.638	20.374	23.445	16.838	16.261	21.565	21.542	22.681	22.282	21.488	23.107	21.000	20.625	16.902
Dale		104.914	9.026	10.688	7.839	8.096	9.748	9.852	9.991	9.970	9.609	9.810	9.437	9.027	7.390
Dallas		199.200	17.232	19.683	15.424	14.214	17.042	17.820	18.137	17.796	17.567	18.571	17.017	16.221	13.992
DeKalb		180.588	15.829	17.568	12.341	11.474	15.327	15.933	16.935	17.224	15.754	17.357	16.031	18.965	12.239
Elmore		102.081	8.366	9.651	7.672	7.865	9.306	9.499	9.477	9.596	9.339	9.632	9.125	8.334	7.121
Escambia		141.761	11.884	14.710	10.568	10.415	11.979	12.681	13.122	12.931	12.201	11.595	11.158	11.195	9.531
Etowah		459.941	37.169	44.644	32.403	31.462	38.792	39.738	42.982	41.998	40.961	42.489	39.197	38.029	30.832
Fayette		64.916	5.081	6.390	4.372	4.575	5.231	5.214	5.427	5.876	5.769	5.669	5.663	5.351	4.200
Franklin		99.529	8.785	9.791	7.815	7.198	13.250	8.470	8.618	8.706	7.885	8.721	8.048	7.703	7.067
Geneva		144.828	12.646	13.673	11.379	11.286	12.082	12.236	12.694	12.535	12.394	12.329	11.935	11.916	10.800
Greene		18.310	1.399	1.481	1.232	1.117	1.374	1.481	1.475	1.459	1.478	1.554	1.485	1.312	1.027
Hale		31.290	2.510	2.713	2.497	2.190	2.692	2.723	3.027	2.761	2.720	2.782	2.747	2.601	2.153
Henry		35.727	3.225	3.684	3.330	2.853	3.001	3.192	3.068	3.215	3.116	3.488	3.342	3.047	2.124
Houston		539.755	45.457	53.083	40.215	39.659	45.310	46.215	49.192	46.114	47.129	47.685	46.200	46.692	37.075
Jackson		136.606	12.178	13.532	10.301	10.328	12.781	12.611	13.451	12.081	12.101	12.934	12.502	11.349	9.495
Jefferson		4.278.971	361.079	420.168	327.156	316.624	377.978	378.455	397.399	376.111	370.807	393.199	380.602	370.342	332.730
Lamar		37.982	3.154	3.282	2.803	2.453	3.255	3.212	3.298	3.672	3.217	3.330	2.832	3.042	2.484
Lauderdale		362.963	32.369	40.850	27.946	25.379	31.317	32.775	33.685	32.991	32.516	34.274	32.689	31.901	31.025
Lawrence		51.755	4.548	5.269	3.842	3.745	4.569	4.684	5.088	4.605	4.607	5.123	4.476	4.534	4.376
Lee		346.304	30.913	34.909	25.274	24.567	29.951	30.609	32.298	31.553	29.475	33.561	33.094	30.234	29.995
Limestone		161.477	13.969	15.810	12.216	12.240	14.795	15.123	15.756	14.585	14.717	16.252	15.054	14.213	11.276
Lowndes		16.854	1.411	1.773	1.476	1.573	1.768	1.613	1.840	1.959	1.822	1.869	1.984	1.711	1.445
Macon		46.136	3.644	3.969	3.685	2.942	3.448	3.639	3.705	3.647	3.711	4.049	4.082	3.911	2.913
Madison		1.049.552	92.206	108.891	78.977	76.406	92.394	96.416	101.014	96.619	98.534	104.214	97.590	94.467	85.252
Marengo		69.350	6.440	7.236	6.108	5.513	6.243	6.525	6.815	5.820	5.916	6.510	6.169	5.959	5.660
Marion		95.817	8.336	10.053	7.427	6.620	8.437	8.664	9.285	9.009	8.604	9.043	8.726	8.307	7.231
Marshall		339.443	29.526	33.463	25.122	24.668	31.308	32.866	34.684	33.447	33.776	34.822	31.968	29.983	28.352
Mobile		1.757.188	146.863	172.699	133.262	124.816	148.656	152.050	157.834	162.245	156.700	158.055	152.194	154.474	123.070
Monroe		100.802	11.558	10.934	6.099	6.070	8.850	7.895	8.402	8.463	8.285	10.498	9.221	9.323	10.024
Montgomery		1.231.133	108.190	127.058	92.534	90.140	107.596	105.637	112.269	113.203	110.071	109.738	108.620	103.846	94.870
Morgan		452.406	39.933	47.175	33.723	33.002	40.752	43.786	45.880	43.558	43.444	46.491	44.996	43.619	39.178
Perry		25.765	1.936	2.765	1.763	1.789	2.099	2.087	2.108	2.079	2.037	2.000	1.988	1.874	1.592
Pickens		41.346	3.300	3.777	2.796	2.870	3.507	3.683	3.872	3.892	3.600	3.900	3.456	3.283	2.393
Pike		96.768	7.793	9.022	7.434	6.627	7.741	7.677	8.760	8.621	8.132	8.962	8.749	8.472	6.406
Randolph		57.911	5.387	5.356	5.444	4.488	4.942	4.770	4.778	4.871	4.463	4.619	4.710	4.655	4.019
Russell		121.519	10.114	11.626	9.102	8.699	10.242	11.358	11.243	10.417	10.411	9.744	9.521	10.332	7.726
St. Clair		121.089	9.515	10.821	9.036	9.349	11.664	11.648	12.875	12.987	11.550	12.609	11.239	11.018	8.350
Shelby		253.358	20.998	21.848	21.142	19.077	26.107	23.094	24.195	23.615	23.974	24.194	22.165	22.154	19.809
Sumter		30.949	2.891	3.107	2.486	2.258	2.567	2.709	2.605	2.541	2.372	2.393	2.339	2.404	2.332
Talladega		245.189	20.106	23.681	18.475	17.542	20.429	21.411	24.626	22.264	22.947	21.564	21.117	20.659	17.315
Tallapoosa		127.461	11.768	11.807	9.525	8.760	10.598	11.153	12.391	12.114	10.983	11.479	10.682	10.634	10.138
Tuscaloosa		631.877	53.102	64.765	47.669	47.137	55.416	55.575	58.629	56.916	56.498	59.384	57.198	56.424	49.293
Walker		291.398	30.786	28.515	23.108	21.552	26.075	27.163	30.302	28.127	27.647	29.412	27.248	25.971	23.935
Washington		21.665	1.728	1.786	1.498	1.587	1.743	1.992	1.656	1.942	1.696	1.696	4.976	1.636	1.008
Wilcox		27.999	2.189	2.605	2.116	2.048	2.202	2.140	2.263	2.114	2.133	2.263	1.908	1.883	1.713
Winston		71.301	5.934	6.691	5.580	5.134	6.752	6.585	6.941	6.829	6.643	7.212	6.708	6.654	5.823
Statewide		874.246	86.274	107.297	79.777	80.082	83.513	91.434	83.493	90.959	85.441	93.175	89.529	91.655	77.730
BUILDING PERMITS															
Alabama															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	1.879.085	1.958.032	95.153	165.139	93.983	85.750	123.177	108.071	116.575	98.168	108.400	112.196	102.688	113.685	96.748
Residential	449.881	436.369	39.582	29.874	25.999	28.712	45.287	52.059	51.642	42.696	40.234	39.678	47.802	40.909	41.140
Nonresidential	906.127	946.743	36.821	66.042	21.582	26.867	50.384	41.863	43.334	37.414	49.934	59.520	35.358	51.625	39.720
In selected cities															
Anniston															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	8.844	8.903	993	611	859	627	626	843	758	762	878	846	812	774	600
Residential	3.593	3.530	255	243	258	272	384	329	330	331	290	299	299	257	192
Nonresidential	5.251	5.373	738	368	601	355	242	514	428	431	588	547	513	517	408
Bessemer															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	4.844	8.903	993	611	859	627	626	843	758	762	878	846	812	774	600
Residential	3.593	3.530	255	243	258	272	384	329	330	331	290	299	299	257	192
Nonresidential	1.251	5.373	738	368	601	355	242	514	428	431	588	547	513	517	408
Birmingham															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	213.343	104.141	12.360	13.105	5.535	11.398	14.508	10.021	33.770	8.956	14.621	29.455	8.486	17.571	17.607
Residential	37.921	15.598	963	802	773	1.241	1.301	1.615	6.605	4.660	2.706	2.412	1.776	944	568
Nonresidential	175.422	88.543	11.397	12.303	4.762	10.157	13.207	8.406	27.165	4.296	11.915	27.043	6.710	16.627	17.039
Decatur															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	14.089	18.028	1.720	1.476	1.444	1.133	1.939	2.051	1.895	1.621	2.039	1.960	2.368	2.255	1.443
Residential	7.340	11.596	1.052	897	814	570	1.138	1.189	908	700	882	816	894	904	599
Nonresidential	6.749	6.432	668	579	630	563	801	862	987	921	1.157	1.144	1.474	1.351	844
Dothan															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	18.943	17.520	2.461	1.458	967	886	830	2.086	1.464	5.242	2.347	1.196	7.230	6.904	843
Residential	7.760	6.718	1.405	203	324	432	399	556	703	364	644	620	323	427	527
Nonresidential	11.183	10.802	1.056	1.255	643	454	431	1.530	761	4.878	1.703	576	6.907	6.477	316
Gadsden															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	13.586	9.310	1.057	215	123	268	964	241	834	729	729	2.719	1.113	256	671
Residential	2.006	2.129	126	-	56	103	462	-	126	303	12	97	187	47	90
Nonresidential	3.912	5.826	894	188	40	141	474	144	50	290	58	1.183	676	37	177
Huntsville															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	122.758	147.927	13.808	18.407	6.178	6.268	24.795	15.973	13.031	7.737	20.212	10.313	21.977	13.404	6.747
Residential	51.350	55.064	8.817	4.593	2.863	1.440	3.194	2.683	5.377	2.233	3.555	2.415	9.861	6.569	1.871
Nonresidential	45.128	73.370	3.266	15.945	2.668	2.755	18.064	11.107	5.444	3.647	14.893	6.508	10.682	4.445	2.831
Mobile															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	109.508	254.605	10.320	31.156	7.730	4.770	6.893	5.991	8.130	7.774	6.815	14.219	6.317	6.730	8.825
Residential	38.261	26.314	1.673	1.065	1.478	1.738	1.234	1.372	2.927	1.619	1.212	1.175	987	1.114	1.503
Nonresidential	49.683	197.690	7.264	28.688	5.120	2.165	4.458	3.185	2.775	4.835	4.213	11.741	4.211	3.812	5.675

GENERAL BUSINESS INDICATORS FOR ALABAMA—CONTINUED

Type of Activity	Annual		1984		1985										
	1983	1984	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.*	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
BUILDING ACTIVITY—CONTINUED															
Montgomery															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	76,984	94,862	11,037	6,049	6,564	6,027	8,624	9,126	8,163	7,901	9,350	9,208	7,393	9,275	6,986
Residential	42,619	35,697	5,483	2,557	2,140	3,036	3,836	4,096	4,356	4,009	3,663	3,419	3,229	3,875	3,234
Nonresidential	26,764	46,198	5,193	2,843	3,750	2,321	3,960	4,060	3,001	3,054	4,567	4,725	3,182	4,304	3,001
Quad-Cities															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	12,978	39,262	800	12,847	691	532	1,416	2,138	1,707	2,024	1,339	2,068	1,390	1,834	1,754
Residential	6,291	7,172	581	726	335	177	774	600	328	578	592	749	696	874	486
Nonresidential	5,906	25,675	146	12,150	246	51	279	442	388	353	186	570	396	98	730
Selma															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	4,197	7,002	309	312	90	109	184	73	237	69*					
Residential	757	645	55	90	90	109	184	73	237	69					
Nonresidential	3,440	6,357	254	222	*	*	*	*	*	*					
Tuscaloosa															
Building permits ($1,000)															
Reported value	31,109	38,409	3,110	3,209	1,425	7,960	3,078	4,403	5,621	3,169	3,196	2,557	5,965	3,978	2,040
Residential	14,949	15,712	1,268	1,218	693	4,324	2,790	1,796	1,953	1,335	2,207	919	4,613	943	1,015
Nonresidential	16,227	19,707	1,864	2,109	1,081	2,428	493	476	2,896	462	324	367	502	2,309	268

NOTE: Throughout this table, details do not necessarily add to totals due to rounding. * Estimated total for calendar month based on adjustment of weekly data.

[1] Individual months may not add to annual totals due to late revisions in annual data.

[2] These data may not be reused in any manner without the express permission of F. W. Dodge Div., McGraw-Hill Information Co.

[3] End-of-month balance.

[4] Beginning January 1978, the Consumer Price Index contains CPI-All Urban Consumers. Prior to that date it included only Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers. Historical data will not be available due to the change in coverage. No "Energy" data are available prior to 1978, and "Housing" data prior to January 1978 are not comparable to the new "Housing" series due to a change in definition.

[5] These data were previously presented as the "Wholesale Price Index." The new title more accurately reflects the coverage of the data.

[6] Civilian labor force, unemployment, and total employment are adjusted by place of residence, and total nonagricultural employment and its components are by place of work. All monthly data are adjusted to a March benchmark of the previous year.

[7] Includes both inbound and outbound shipments by water moving through private facilities as well as through the Alabama State Docks; excludes tonnage for military installations.

[8] Gross gallons of gasoline as reported by all carriers combined.

[9] These data may not be reused in any manner without the express permission of R. L. Polk and Company.

[10] Retail sales data represent sales at retail which are subject to sales tax as reported to the Alabama Department of Revenue under the definition of the Alabama Sales Tax Law. Total sales figures include taxable sales at retail by wholesalers and other establishments as well as retail concerns. Sales at retail (Bulk Gasoline) should not be confused with all sales (including non-retail sales) by retail concerns as reported in the Census of Retail Trade. **Monthly sales figures are preliminary and subject to revision on a continuing basis. Sales figure for the two latest months are normally low because they do not yet include data from late reporters. Retail sales historical data prior to 1984 are not available for the new series. The "statewide" category in the "County" section provides sales figures which are not attributable to individual counties; it does not represent a state total.**

[11] Represents permits issued by selected permit-issuing places. Private construction only. May be partially estimated by the Bureau of the Census. "Reported value" includes additions and alterations and is not a sum of residential and nonresidential.

[12] Quad-Cities and consists of Florence, Muscle Shoals, Sheffield, and Tuscumbia.

New Additions to CBER Staff

Dr. Carl Ferguson, director of the Center for Business and Economic Research, is pleased to announce the addition of two new staff members, Beth Gibbs and Ginger Shew.

Gibbs is a recent graduate of the University of Alabama with a master's degree in Consumer Economics and a bachelor's degree in Home Economics. She is a Research Assistant with CBER and the Alabama State Data Center. Her responsibilities include editing the ASDC newsletter and handling public requests.

Shew is also a recent graduate of the University of Alabama with a bachelor's degree in journalism. She is a Research Assistant and editor of *Alabama Business* as well as other CBER publications.

Dr. Ferguson would also like to announce the addition of demographer, James C. Raymondo who joined the staff in August 1985 and Sunny Park who joined the staff in June 1985.

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The Economy in Perspective:

Focus on the Textile Industry

Textile manufacturers produce such things as broad-woven fabrics (bolts of cloth), narrow-woven fabrics (rickrack, ribbon, webbing, etc.) and cord, twine, and nets. Knitting mills, carpet mills and yarn mills also are in this category. Alabama has many medium-size textile firms with employment between twenty and seventy-five people as well as several large firms with hundreds of employees.

The textile industry has a long history in the South. Traditionally it has drawn on a primarily female labor force which was not well educated. The industry pays low wages and is not heavily unionized.

In 1985, output from the textile mill industry represented 2.6 percent of Alabama's Gross State Product (GSP). This share should erode over the decade, falling slightly to about 2.3 percent of GSP by 1990. Nationally, textiles accounted for only 0.7 percent of Gross National Product. Thus, the textile industry is much more important to Alabama's economy than it is to the national economy. Good years for the industry in Alabama will see 5 percent growth and lean years will see the industry barely holding its own.

The Center for Business and Economic Research had forecasted that 39,700 Alabamians would have been employed by textile companies in 1985, but our estimate was probably too high. A better estimate is 36,400 people. The industry is in an employment decline and that decline will continue. During the balance of the decade, the number employed in textiles will decrease slowly but steadily. By 1990 only 35,000 Alabamians will be employed in this industry. Improving technology will keep the industry's portion of GSP at least even with its current position and in some years improving its relative position with other manufacturing industries. This can happen even with fewer employees. These 35,000 employees in 1990 will represent 1.9 percent of Alabama's forecasted 1990 total employment, whereas in 1985, 2.3 percent of Alabama's employed were working in the textile industry.

The textile industry historically pays a lower wage rate than almost all other manufacturing industries in Alabama. Only the furniture and apparel industries have lower average annual wages. In 1985, CBER forecasted the average wage for textile workers to be $16,600. Again we may have been too optimistic. The more realistic average earnings would probably have been about $14,800 for the year just past. Under CBER's optimistic scenario, by 1990 textile workers may average $25,000 annually. But because other industries will also be raising wages, textile workers will still be relatively poorly paid. Textile workers are paid less than the state average for manufacturing jobs and this trend is expected to continue.

Textile workers tend to be in low-skilled jobs with little room for advancement. But a recent study from the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta indicates this may change. The study finds that automated equipment is expected to be substituted for many low-skilled workers. Although there will be fewer textile workers in the future, that work force will have a greater share of technical and professional people operating sophisticated machinery.

Alabama is not the only Southern state to depend heavily on the textile industry. Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina all have more textile employees than Alabama. Textile and apparel firms account for the largest number of industrial jobs in Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi, as well as the Carolinas. However, both Georgia and South Carolina pay slightly better wages in this industry. Nowhere in the South are textile workers' wages high.

Even though textile workers are not highly paid, their combined income in 1985 represented 1.5 percent of all wage and salary income in the state and 9.3 percent of all manufacturing income. The only manufacturing industries that have larger portions of total personal income are the primary metals industry and the paper industry, both of which have fewer employees but pay much better wages.

The outlook for the textile industry is for declining employment but continued relative importance to Alabama's GSP. The overall picture is of an industry that continues to hold its current spot in relative wages paid and relative share of total personal income. Alabama's small firms that lack the resources to improve manufacturing productivity and marketing may fall by the wayside. The Federal Reserve study predicts that small, inflexible firms face extinction. A mill closing in a small town is disruptive to the whole community, not only to the workers who must find other jobs. Most of the displaced workers must move elsewhere to find employment, meaning that local establishments experience a drop in business.

The textile industry in Alabama is sensitive to national and international developments. Imports, import restrictions and national production schedules, make a difference to communities and individuals in our state. The Atlanta Fed study finds some reasons for optimism if the dollar reaches more favorable exchange rates against foreign currencies. The researchers note that many emerging nations will require more textile products for their own expanding populations, broadening the domestic industry's export potential significantly.

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